# Russian

`https://pwsmith.github.io/multivaluation/dbcoord/`

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## 1 Overview

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| **Language family:** | Indo-European (Slavic) |
| **Countries:** | Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Estonia, Latvia and other neighboring post-Soviet states, and Russian diaspora |
| **Number of speakers:** | 150 million |
| **Agreement features:** | number, person |
| **Attested word orders:** | SV |
| **Coordination types:** | and, or |

(Data were entered by three native speaker via an online survey.)

# 2 Patterns for number

## 2.1 Coordination with "and"

### 2.1.1 SV order

**Pattern:** The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

| 2nd conjunct<br>1st conjunct | sg | pl |
|---|---|---|
| **sg** | pl | pl |
| **pl** | pl | pl |

**Examples:**

(1)     mal'čik i     mužčina begut
        boy.SG  and man.SG  run.3PL
        'The boy and the man run.'

(2)     a.    mal'čik i     mužčina begut
              boy.PL  and man.SG  run.3PL
              'The boys and the man run.'
        b.    mal'čik i     mužčiny begut
              boy.SG  and man.PL   run.3PL
              'The boy and the men run.'

## 2.2 Coordination with "or"

### 2.2.1 SV order

**Pattern:** With two singular conjuncts, the verb is singular. If the two conjuncts mismatch in number, number is resolved to plural.

| 2nd conjunct<br>1st conjunct | sg | pl |
|---|---|---|
| **sg** | sg | pl |
| **pl** | pl | pl |

**Examples:**

(3)     mal'čik ili mužčina bežit
        boy.SG  or man.SG  run.3SG
        'The boy or the man run.'

(4)     a.    mal'čiki ili mužčina begut
              boy.PL   or man.SG  run.3PL
              'The boys or the man run.'
        b.    mal'čik ili mužčiny begut
              boy.SG  or man.PL   run.3PL
              'The boy or the men run.'

# 3 Patterns for person

## 3.1 Coordination with "and"

### 3.1.1 SV order

**Pattern:** Speakers prefer to use a comitative construction. A coordination structure seems to be possible for some speakers in combinations with 1st and 2nd person. Then, person seems to be resolved according to the hierarchy $1 > 2 > 3$. (Number is resolved to plural.) Coordination of 1st and 3rd person (plural) are ineffable.

| 2nd conjunct<br>1st conjunct | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1** |  | 1pl | ineff |
| **2** | 1pl |  |  |
| **3** | ineff |  |  |

**Examples:**

(5)  a.  Ty  i    ja bežim.
        you and I  run.1PL
        'You and I run.'
     b.  Ja i    ty   bežim.
        I   and you run.1PL
        'I and you run.'

(6)  a.  *My i    ony bežim/begut.
        we  and they run.1PL/run.3PL
        'We and they run.'
     b.  *Oni i    my bežim/begut.
        they and we run.1PL/run.3PL
        'They and we run.'

## 3.2 Coordination with "or"

### 3.2.1 SV order

**Pattern:** There is closest conjunct agreement.

| 2nd conjunct<br>1st conjunct | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1** |  | 2sg | 3pl |
| **2** | 1sg |  |  |
| **3** | 1pl |  |  |

**Examples:**

(7)  a.  ty   ili ja begu
        you or I  run.1SG
        'You or I run.'
     b.  ja ili' ty   bežiš'
        I  or  you run.2SG
        'I or you run.'

(8)    a.    my ili oni  begut
                we  or they run.3PL
                'We or they run.'
        b.    oni  ili my bežim
                they or we run.1PL
                'They or we run.'